

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/25/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-9 and 12.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1,2 & 4-9 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, Buris et al (US 6,563,467), hereinafter Buris, teaches a first parasitic element configured in the front case and made longer than the electrical length of the antenna and a second parasitic element configured in the back case and made shorter than the electrical length of the antenna (Figure 2, Items 240 & 250; Column 3, Lines 42-53; Buris), however Buris fails to detail that a first shorting portion connected between the first circuit board and the first parasitic element for reducing a length of the first parasitic element wherein the first parasitic element and the second parasitic element are disposed in order from the front case to the first casing to the back case of the first casing. In the preceding arguments for rejection the examiner had relied upon the applicants admitted prior art in rejected the claims, however in view of the current amendments to the present application the deviations in the applicants design are now novel that they could not be reasonably construed as obvious.

Claims 2 & 4-9 are allowed as they depend from claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Perrotta et al (US 6,246,374) disclose a passive flip radiator for antenna enhancement.

Ogino (US 2001/0029173) disclose a portable telephone apparatus that can attain directivity of antenna, which optimizes reception state from base station:

Hayes (US 2005/0024273) discloses an internal antenna and flat panel speaker assemblies and mobile terminals including the same.

Kotzin et al (US 2005/0024269) disclose an emergency deployable GPS antenna.

Nagano et al (US 7,126,545) discloses an antenna unit and portable radio system comprising antenna unit.

Itoh (US 6,856,819) disclose a portable wireless unit.

Sadler et al (US 5,923,305) disclose a dual-band helix antenna with parasitic element associated methods of operation.

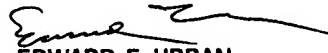
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christian A. Hannon whose telephone number is (571) 272-7385. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Urban can be reached on (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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